

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Related to Item 11

Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers (AVRC) provide a unique service to the County of Los Angeles and its comprehensive system of health care. The mission of AVRC is to contribute to the restoration of overall health and functioning of those Los Angeles County residents who suffer from chemical dependency. The AVRC provide low-cost, residential recovery rehabilitation services to alcohol or other drug dependent adult individuals of Los Angeles County on a voluntary basis. The residents served at the Centers require a variety of physical, mental, and social services related to alcohol or other drug abuse dependency.

The proposed separation between the Department of Health Services and the Department of Public Health will have an impact on the way AVRC provide their services due to change in the administration of this program. The AVRC administration currently reports to Olive View Medical Center, which would remain within the Department of Health Services while the AVRC delivery of alcohol and drug programs would be placed under the administration of the Department of Public Health. In order to ensure a continuum of care, it is necessary to fully address how the AVRC's administrative change will affect the operations of this vital program.

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Particularly, collaboration between the Department of Health Services and the new Department of Public Health is necessary in maintaining the full variety of health services residents require while receiving treatment at the AVRC. Those receiving substance abuse treatment often require medical care in a hospital setting. It is necessary to ensure that proper collaboration and/or coordination is effectively in place before the separation of the departments is implemented.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to work in collaboration with the Department of Health Services and Public Health to:

- 1) Report back to the Board by February 7, 2005, on developing a comprehensive plan to address the resource and administrative needs of the Antelope Valley Rehabilitation Centers (AVRC) assuming the separation of DHS and Public Health occur; including any possible fiscal impact related to the proposed administrative change; and
- 2) Provide to the Board a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Departments of Health Services, Public Health, and Mental Health related to the AVRC by February 7, 2005.